

### REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1-21 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 12 and 23 have been amended. No claims have been added. No claims have been canceled.

The Examiner objected to Claims 1-23 because of informalities. Specifically, the Examiner indicated that the abbreviation "LPS" should be spelled out in each of the independent claims. Applicant has amended Claims 1, 7, 12 and 23. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the objection.

Applicant has also amended Claim 7 to correct a spelling error. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added and such an amendment would have been made earlier had the first action allowance not occurred.


The Examiner objected to the Abstract. Applicant has amended the abstract to overcome the objection. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the objection.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the objections to the claims and the abstract have been overcome by the amendments and the remarks and withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested. Applicant submits that Claims 1-23 as amended are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

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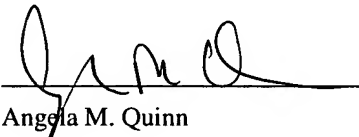
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